

Good Morning

Omaha-Council Bluffs - Unseasonably cold this morning with lows reaching the mid-teens and a wind-chill index of 40-below. Highs around 100 by noon, with scattered light tornadoes by mid-afternoon. Chance of thunderstorms early this evening. Flood warnings expected tomorrow.

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Ak-Sar-Ben Manure South of the Bluffs To Be Composted

The firm that is dumping manure from Ak-Sar-Ben racehorse stables in a shallow pit at the south edge of Council Bluffs intends to compost the material and has a customer for the finished product, a company spokesman said. Though no official announcement has been made, the customer is rumored to be an Omaha firm who has exhibited a sudden interest in lawn care.

Greg Shovels of Tarpit, Iowa, area manager for Compost Yourself, a Phoenix, Ariz., firm, said last year's stable refuse, which was piled on a farm field near Horse Latitudes, Iowa, will be moved to the Bluffs site to complete the composting process.

An Iowa Department of Natural Resources representative and representatives of the Iowa Health Department visited the site this week at the request of City Health Director Morgan Trashman.

The approximately 40-acre tract is south of the Iowa Power generating plant, which is just inside the city limits, and the city's sewage treatment plant. The area is west of Interstate 29 but is not visible from the road. "Just follow your nose," Trashman said. "You can't miss it."

Shovels was highly critical of the City Health Department for opposing the project, which he said complies with rules of the Natural Resources Department.

"We had to have all the state approvals before Ak-Sar-Ben would sign," he said. "Since Bluffs Run came along, the Ak-Sar-Ben board can't ride roughshod over the Bluffs any more."

'Manure Happens'

Shovels said he contacted Bluffs Public Works Director Spike Bidet after learning of the controversy Tuesday, and offered to spray the area to control flies. "You can control more flies with a good insecticide than with vinegar, or something like that," Shovels said.

Shovels said the dumping, estimated at 70 tons a day by city officials, has a "horsy odor." But he said that when he visited the site Wednesday, it was the sewage plant's odors that were offensive. "We tried to control the odor, but it's hard to get enough Industrial Strength Glade at the supermarket," he said.

He said the material contains a relatively small amount of manure and a high percentage of straw. "You can't just create manure," said Shovels. "Manure happens."

Shovels said he has had no city response to his offer to control flies and said the city "is not keeping the lines of communication open."

Shovels was unclear about when the composting operation would begin, but he said the material "would be moved within

a year."

Although some of the material is stacked at least 10 feet high, Shovels said large machines would be able to wind-row the material, and "as soon as a well" water will be sprayed on the material to speed decomposition.

"There are many types of composting," Shovels said.

Soil Replenisher

Shovels said the firm that will buy the composted product will use it mainly to replenish soil around construction projects. Shovels had no comment on a rumor that Compost Yourself contracted with ConAg to supply fertilizer to nourish brand-new lawn for the next few years.

Compost Yourself currently is serving four other horse owners with a removal service and to add five more by next summer, he said. "I also get a lot of requests to do city council senates and so on," Shovels said. "I'd love to do it, but we don't have the room to accommodate the extra waste material."

Clydesdale (Clyde) Trotter, director of Ak-Sar-Ben's plant, said the material was to be taken to a landfill before contracting with Compost Yourself. Trotter indicated that the per-ton disposal fee charged by Compost Yourself is significantly higher than landfill charges.

Bluffs Future Site Of New

A hill north of Council Bluffs is being considered by a group of local civic leaders for carving the

heads of the most loved Omahans into rock. The honorees on the designated site include

Messrs. Harper, Kiewit, Andersen, and Walsh.

Kneeling obsequiously in



Artist's Conception of Rushmore-On-The-Bluffs

Operation Hunky Dory To Be Instituted

Public relations behemoth Hill-Kolton has been retained on behalf of former Omaha World-Herald Publisher Harold "Randy Andy" Andersen.

According to one spokesman for the firm, "It's a well known fact that nothing tickles Randy Andy more than knowing that he is loved and respected as a crusading journalist by all Omahans--Black, White, and Council Bluffs citizens. Now that his name has been dragged through mud, we intend to demonstrate to his multitudinous admirers that everything is Hunky Dory."

Already, Andy and wife Marion have been named heads of the Alexis de Toqueville division for the CHAD drive.

"Heaven forbid that anyone think CHAD to be a young boy's name. It's a health campaign," said the public relations spokesman adding, "Didn't you see his recent picture in the paper with all the other captains of indus-

try? His pearly whites were just so. Why, take 20 years off of him and he's a regular Bob Eubanks. And his best profile was showing. And that Marion, well, if "Stand By Your Man" wasn't written for her, then I don't know who it was written for. She's just the Pat Nixon of the Greater Omaha Area, having put up with so much."

Future plans include:

--Naming Andersen poster boy for the FASOAA (Falsely Accused Sex Offenders Association of America).

--Naming Andersen "Mr. Nineteenth Hole" at the OCC ("a great, great honor").

--Getting Andersen back on the boards of a panoply of civic organizations.

--Teaming Andy up with Eugene Mahoney to do "Buddy Seminars: on the Male Bonding Process."

--Getting Mr. and Mrs. Andersen on the "Marital Bliss Seminar" Circuit. ("This isn't one

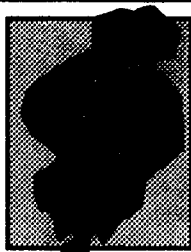
of those California touchy-feel deals" the spokesman wanted to add. "The only nudity is the neck. But their marriage is such a paragon of commitment that this program proper church auspices are going to be the greatest contribution to the younger set--you the Rockbrook types with kids, cross dressers and

Other ideas include naming Andersen named King of Omaha for an unprecedented time and having Marion as the uniquely honorary (Super Docent) at the Doorly Zoo Aviary.

"We'd also like to see take up the international cudgel. He'd be great in leading the democratization of turning it into another mala or something."

Product endorsements are out of the question, either just about have a deal with the Grecian Formula, he added.

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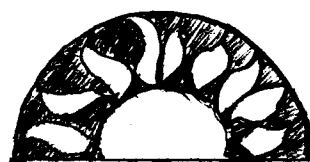


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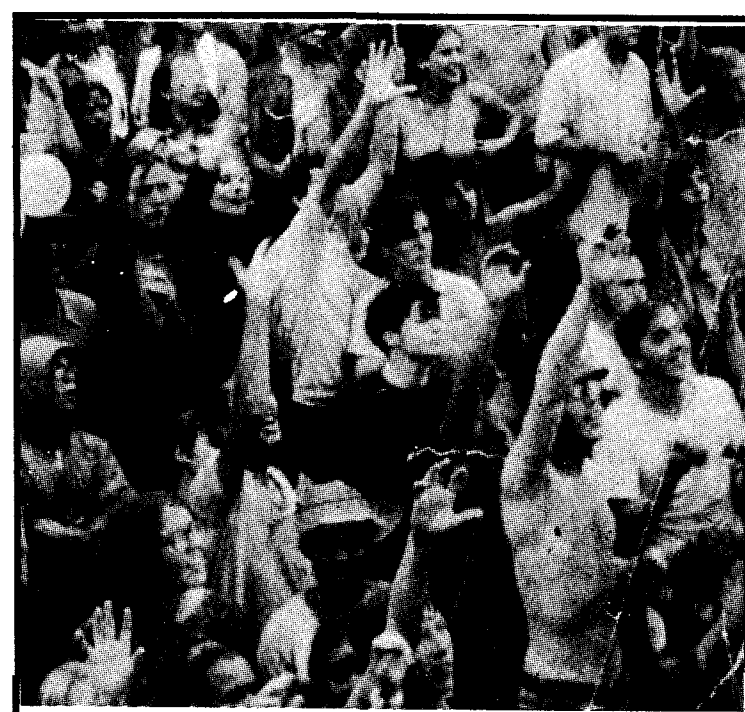
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Gov. Orr To Propose Increased In-State Job Tax Credits

Although the state jobless rate is 3.4 percent—among the lowest in the nation—and “Help Wanted” signs are sprouting like toadstools after a rain, Governor Kay Orr maintains that Nebraska business need more incentives to create new jobs. “What we’d like to see,” Governor Orr said, “is negative unemployment. That is, more people working at jobs than there are people out there. Do you catch my drift? My proposal is spread across my desk. It calls for a state grant of \$90,000 for every job created by in-state corporations at the minimum wage level or more. This will provide security for future generation of Nebraskans and hopefully bring new business to the state.”

Future Mall Shortage?

Addressing the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, Henry Grady, author of the best-seller “The Malling of America,” had a dire prediction for the future of Omaha. “You’re going to be facing a mall shortage, particularly in your strip mall situation, in the very near future. Optimally, there should be one mall for every family. You’re far from that goal. Omaha is shamefully behind Houston, Tulsa, and Phoenix in this department—so get with it!” He also noted that the billboard situation is far from ideal. “According to independent studies, you want to have one billboard outdoors per inhabitant—man, woman, and child. Outside of 72nd between Dodge and Pacific and Dodge between 72nd and 84th, plus some stretches of L and Maple Streets, you’re woefully behind (other cities),” Grady noted.



Many wore trenchcoats in the rainy day crowd

Crowd Fills Elmwood, Demands Baer’s Release

More than 1,100 people attended a “Free Alan” rally near the cruising grounds at Elmwood Park. “It’s appropriate we hold this demonstration at this spot, a site of so many intense memories for so many of us,” said Harv Plymate, legal defense committee chairperson of NAMBLA (National Man-Boy Love Association). “ALAN IS INNOCENT!” he proclaimed above the roar. “A man who can figure out how to get some giant insurance company to fork over 30-some million for a retail operation in an oversaturated market is smart enough to get if FOR FREE when he’s looking for love!”

Another speaker, distant cousin Sylvia Moskovitz of Brooklyn, N.Y. exclaimed “Pander, shmander!—In my day we called it tit for tat, you know, you

scratch my back, I’ll scratch yours. In biology” she stated in a scholarly tone “it’s called a symbolic relationship. I know, I taught biology at Bronx Science for 43 years. And the stuff I saw there—ach, it would make a formaldehyde-soaked frog come back to life!”

Under the banner borrowed from a local fast-food establishment (“We do chicken, right.”), representatives of the Younkers Committee to Defend the Rights of Man and the Fairacres People’s Defense Front all implored the increasingly agitated crowd to work for Alan Baer’s acquittal. “Each and every one of us is a potential character witness. He can’t write off our support—but we’ll be there with him when he goes to trial anyway,” one speaker announced.

Furniture Queen Reminisces; Mrs. B. to Publish Book

As if starting a new business at age 95 isn’t enough, the celebrated Rose Blumkin, formerly of the Nebraska Furniture Mart, is going into the trade paperback publishing business with her new book, “MRS. BLUMKIN’S BOOK OF 1,000 YIDDISH CURSES.”

“A catchy title, don’t you think?” she asked this reporter at an autograph party recently held on a loading dock. Gems include “You should grow in the ground like a turnip—with your head in the dirt and your feet out!” and “You make Joe Goebbels look like Mother Theresa!”

Future tomes include “CUTTING THE RUG WITH MRS. B.—A GUIDE TO THE DANCES OF THE ROARING TWENTIES.” (“You know—the fox trot, the Charleston...I was a regular dancer” she says, wiggling her hips.) Another work in progress is “MY LIFE AS A CARPET,” including the following memorable passage: “Whatever your taste, hi-lo, berber, or shag—carpets hold a lot of meaning to life. The major touchstones of my life can be measured in car-

pet. For example, I stowed away in a roll of broadloom on a freighter taking me to Ellis Island. This was my first intimate experience with carpet—Can you imagine two weeks rolled up in a rug like a herring? But you know what? I loved it! Then there was the time I got a rug-burn making whoopee with my Irving. I tell you—carpet holds a lot of meaning to me.”

And what does Mrs. B like to read in her spare moments? “My favorite book?” she says, “Why, *The Carpetbaggers*—of course!”

“Look, how many years left do I have?” she asks in explaining her latest venture. “Fifteen, maybe 25 good years, then I go senile. I better make the most of it. I want to pass my wisdom on to all those lazy no-goodniks of the next generation—those 75-year-olds playing mah jong in Palm Beach! When they turn 80, 90, they’ll see how empty their lives are, and they’ll want to go back to work. Let me tell you—carpets—carpets have been good to me, maybe carpet business will be good for them!”

Rushmore

of them will be a stone image of Lynn Ziegen Wallinbein, symbolizing the due respect of the local citizenry.

“We don’t want just any Joe who gives to the bloodmobile to get on this,” said John Brownose of Mutual, project committee chairman. “You’ve got to have more civic committees under your belt than a plaster-caster has rock stars.

“This is going to be really big. Company picnics, retirement parties, you name it, they’re all going to be held here.”

The cost is expected to run approximately \$5 million. It will take five years to complete and will be financed by a proposed 1/2 cent increase in the Omaha sales tax, which will be rescinded between 2005 and 2015, depending on rental revenues from the designated site.

Brownose dismissed protests against the “Mt. Rushmore” project by more than 90 percent of Council Bluffs citizens as “the envious whinings of a radical fringe group. Compare outstanding citizens like Harper and Andersen to the average Joe from C.B. You can’t. Men like these come along once in a millennium. No one important has ever come out of Council Bluffs—except maybe that guy who was on David Letterman for awhile. Besides, everyone knows Council Bluffs is really part of Omaha, anyway.”

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Killer Footlongs

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YUM, YUM: Food Editor Jayne Palmoil offers new recipes for health-conscious Big Red fans -- Velveeta Headcheese Sun Casserole with Red Windbreaker Cover. Red windbreaker can be used later for those memorable tailgate parties. Living Today, page 805.

GRIN AND BAER IT: While not helping poor young men, the Marcia and Alan Baer Indigent Fund sponsors local National Public Radio broadcasts. Entertainment, Page 155.

GAS PRICES TO \$9.50 A GALLON: Earl Greasebomb, president of Oil R Us, claims recent price hikes prove the U.S. has not maintained control of our oil. “Nope, can’t do a thing about those Iraqis, but we sure can put the screws on all those other Arabs,” he said at the Papillion Rotary Club. Business, Page 711.